

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 12, 17, 27 and 33 are amended to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 22, 28, 30 and 31 are canceled. Claims 1, 4-17, 20, 21, 23-27, 29, and 32-37 remain pending.

Examiner Interview

Applicant conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Truong on November 14, 2006. During this interview, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, the pending claims were discussed. Examiner Truong noted that the application would be in condition for allowance if certain amendments were made to the independent claims. Applicant has made amendments to the independent claims that are consistent with the amendments suggested by Examiner Truong during the interview. Accordingly, in light of these amendments the current rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks Examiner Truong for taking the time to discuss the claims with Applicant.

§103 Rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,629,128 to Glass (hereinafter “Glass”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,391 to Gardner (hereinafter “Gardner”).

Claims 2-17, 20-26, 33 and 37 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Glass in view Gardner and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,560,391 to Memmontt (hereinafter “Memmontt”).

Claims 27-32 stand rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Memmontt in view Gardner and further in view of a reference entitled “Network and System Management with XML” (hereinafter “Steve”).

Claims 34-36 stand rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glass in view Gardner and further in view of Steve”.

The Claims

The Office has rejected the claims under U.S.C. §103(a) and argues that the claims are obvious in view of the cited references. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office's argument. Nevertheless, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner that is consistent with both Applicant's specification and the amendments discussed during the Examiner Interview. In light of these amendments, these claims are allowable, and Applicant requests that the §103 rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith.

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